



01/31/02

Express Mail No.: EL 477 034 077 US

aff 3731

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#6
NDB
2-8-02

Application of: Broome et al.

Serial No.: 09/723,003

Group Art Unit: 3732

Filed: November 27, 2000

Examiner: J. SMITH

For: DISTAL PROTECTION DEVICE
AND METHOD

Attorney Docket
No.: 10177-108-999

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant hereby provides the attached references which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the application.

This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 5, 2001. The attached references were cited during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 6,152,946 to Broome et al. (the parent to the instant application) and U.S. Patent No. 6,179,859 B1 to Bates et al. (the '859 patent). The '859 patent is discussed at length in the accompanying preliminary amendment.

Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are: (i) PTO 1449, listing References BK-CR; and (ii) copies of References BK-CR.

No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made (other than a search report of a foreign counterpart application or PCT International Search Report if submitted herewith). 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h).

RECEIVED
FEB 5 2002
TO 3730 MAIL ROOM

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required or credit any overpayment
for this Information Disclosure Statement and/or Petition to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit
Account No. 16-1150

Date: January 29, 2002



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Friebel".

29,258
(Reg. No.)

Thomas E. Friebel
PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP
1155 Avenue of Americas
New York NY 10036-2720
(212) 790 - 9090

Enclosures

RECEIVED
FEB -5 2002
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM